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For
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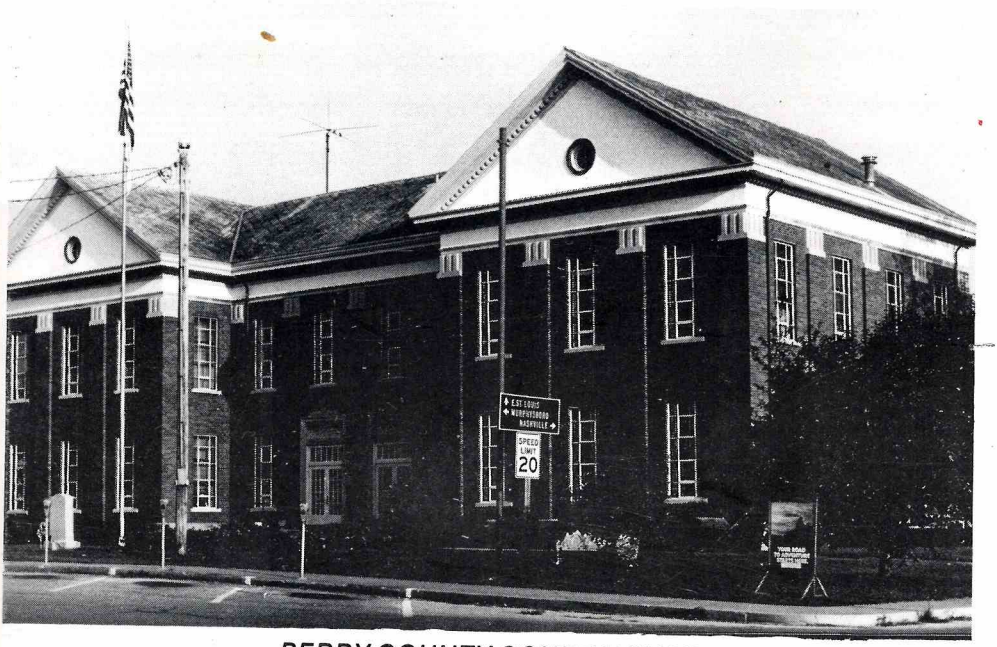

PERRY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Compiled By

DON HIRSCH

County Clerk & Recorder

PINCKNEYVILLE, ILLINOIS 62274

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DIRECTORY

County Clerk & Recorder ..... Don Hirsch (R).....357-5116
P.O. Box 438.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Circuit Clerk ..... Robert E. Heisner (D).....357-6726
P.O. Box 217.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Circuit Judge ..... Robert Gandy.....357-6079

Treasurer..... Frank L. Mangin (D).....357-5002
P.O. Box 158.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Sheriff..... Samuel D. Hiller (R).....357-5172
P.O. Box 353.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

States' Attorney..... Gene Gross (D).....357-6221
P.O. Box 377.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Supt. of Schools..... Donald L. "Don" Brewer (D).....357-2828
Courthouse.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Coroner ..... Frank Maxton (R).....542-2020

Supervisor of Assessments .... Robin Edwards.....357-2209
Courthouse.....Pinckneyville, IL 62274

County Commissioners ..... Frank Millikin, Chairman (D).....357-2787
220 Oxbow Road.....Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Eugene Rodely (R).....542-3315
512 N. Pope Street.....Du Quoin, IL 62832

Leonard Heisner, (D).....357-2866
R.R. 2, Box 428C.....Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Health Department..... James Morris.....357-9631
907 S. Main.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

General Assistance..... Eric Pflanz.....357-5216
208 W. Jackson.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Animal Control Officer..... Gary Woolsey.....357-2841
R. R. 1, Box 27C.....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Supervisor of Highways..... Roy Smith.....357-6556
R.R. 1, Box 27AA.....Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Probation Officer..... Vickie Suttle.....357-2622
12 E. Water St. .....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

Emergency Services Director... James Cavanaugh.....357-2028
808 Taffee St. .....Pinckneyville, IL. 62274

The County Courthouse
"Bastion of Liberty"

By Reagon Brown

As you travel the roads of Illinois, in fact throughout the land,
You'll come to towns called county seats
Where an impressive building stands
It's called the county courthouse, that's the title which she bears.
Proud guardian of the records of the people's hopes and cares.
Her lawn may have a statue of a boy in grey or blue,
And if she's somewhat modern and perhaps a little new,
It may be a 1918 doughboy or a lad of World War II.
She's the emblem of our freedom, this building on the square,
With her clock and sometimes pigeons, as she looks so peaceful there.
It's the place where names are recorded, when baby comes to make us glad.
And here the last notation is written when death's angel makes us sad.
It's the place the youngsters head for, when they prepare to say, I vow.
And it's the showdown place for trouble, that wrinkles many a brow.
It's the bastion of our freedom, where it may be jail or bail,
And it's where neighbor judges neighbor on justice lawful scale.
Here you will find the judge, and sheriff and of course you will note the clerks,
It's America's best example of how "grass roots democracy" works.
A salute to the county courthouse, and a lusty cheer,
For a symbol of our freedom and the traditions we hold so dear.
Perhaps it's wrong for poets to give her a feminine touch,
But in a way she mothers things that touch our lives so much,
God bless the county courthouse, and please always keep it near,
Lord keep it always open, and keep its purpose clear.

PROFILE

Perry County, Illinois has a 1980 population of 21,714 and an area of 439 square miles. There are six municipalities (Du Quoin, Pinckneyville, Tamaroa, Willisville, Cutler and St. Johns) ranging in population from 6500 to 280. Perry County is one of the leading coal mining counties in the state. The leading employers are Arch of Illinois, Freeman United, and Consolidated Coal co. (mining), GS Metals Corp. (metal products), Music Corporation of America (tapes, discs & records), Cablec Corporation (steel cable), Blazon Flexible Flyer Corp. (sleds & toys), Bridal Originals (garments), and Charmglow Industries (gas grills).

Agriculture is an integral part of the Perry County economy, with a total of 149,000 tillable acres and several hundred people involved full and part time. Corn, soybeans, and wheat are the main crops. The approximate value of all crops and livestock sold annually in Perry County is $39,433,550.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Perry County is witnessing a gradual merger of smaller area schools with larger districts. Community Consolidated 212 merged with Pinckneyville District 50 in 1986, and Tamaroa High School #102 united with Pinckneyville High School #101 in 1988.

Current grade and high school districts located in the County are Du Quoin Unit 300, Pinckneyville Districts 50 and 101, Community Consolidated districts 204 and 211, Tamaroa District 5. In addition there are 2 parochial and 3 Christian schools.

The county is located in both John A. Logan and Rend Lake Community College Districts. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is located some 35 miles away.

CIVIC & FRATERNAL

The following civic and fraternal organizations have one or more chapters active in Perry County: Lions Club, Elks Club, Optimist Club, Kiwanis Club, Moose, Eagles, Business and Professional Women, Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, 4-H, Knights of Columbus, and Jr. Women's Club.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Perry County has wide and varied recreational opportunities. Perry County Country Club has recently expanded to an 18 hole golf course. Pinckneyville and Du Quoin both have swimming pools, and summer baseball and softball programs for all ages are excellent. Du Quoin has a roller rink, a Boys Club and a 10 lane bowling alley. Both towns have swim teams.

High school sports are outstanding. Pinckneyville has had a long tradition of winning basketball, dating back to the State championship team of 1948, coached by the legendary Duster Thomas. In more recent years the Panthers have compiled an impressive record under coach Dick Corn, capped by a second place finish in the Boys Class A State Basketball Championships in 1988. Pinckneyville's girls' softball team has advanced to the state tournament in both 1987 and 1988.

Du Quoin boasts an outstanding football program under the tenure of Hall of Famer Coach Bob Karnes. In 1986 the Indians were runner ups in the Boys Class A football championships, and are a perennial football powerhouse in Southern Illinois. In 1988 Coach Al Martin continued the winning tradition by leading the Indians to the 3A State Championship.

Deer hunting has become very popular in Perry County. Hunters have harvested over 500 deer in each of the last 3 years from Perry County forestland. Quail, rabbit, and ducks provided other hunting opportunities.

Bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish abound in the many lakes and ponds of Perry County. In addition, four major recreational areas, Rend, Kincaid, Crab Orchard and Carlyle Lakes are only a short drive away. Pyramid State Park is located 5 miles south of Pinckneyville.

TRANSPORTATION

Perry County has 782 miles of highway, including 100 miles of state and 121 miles of county. The county is served by U.S. Route 51, Illinois Routes 13, 14, 127, 152, and 154. The county has one airport without passenger services. However, passenger service is available at both Carbondale and Marion.

National Government Executive

George Bush, President

Dan Quayle, Vice President

Members of the Cabinet

Hon. James A. Baker III ..... Secretary of State

Hon. Nicholas Brady ..... Secretary of Treasury

Hon. John Tower ..... Secretary of Defense

Hon. Richard Thornburgh ..... Attorney General

Hon. Manuel Lujan ..... Secretary of Interior

Hon. Clayton Yeutter ..... Secretary of Agriculture

Hon. Robert Mosbacher ..... Secretary of Commerce

Hon. Elizabeth Dole ..... Secretary of Labor

Hon. Louis Sullivan ..... Secretary of Health & Human Services

Hon. Jack Kemp ..... Secretary of Housing & Urban Development

Hon. Samuel Skinner ..... Secretary of Transportation

Hon. James D. Watkins ..... Secretary of Energy

Hon. Lauro Cavazos ..... Secretary of Education

Hon. Edward Derwinski ..... Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Hon. John Marsh ..... Secretary of Army

Hon. James H. Webb, Jr. ..... Secretary of Navy

Hon. Edward Aldridge, Jr. ..... Secretary of Air Force

Legislative

United States Senators

Paul Simon, Democrat
Makanda, Illinois

Alan J. Dixon, Democrat
Belleville, Illinois

Representatives In Congress
22nd Congressional District

Glen Poshard, Democrat ..... Carterville, Illinois

State Government
Executive

James R. Thompson, Republican ..... Governor
George Ryan ..... Lieutenant Governor
Jim Edgar, Republican ..... Secretary of State
Roland W. Burris, Democrat ..... Comptroller
Jerome A. Consentino, Democrat ..... State Treasurer
Neil Hartigan, Democrat ..... Attorney General
Donald Gill ..... Supeerintendent of Education
Clell L. Woods ..... Clerk of Supreme Court

State Senator
58th Senatorial District

Ralph Dunn, Republican ..... Du Quoin, Illinois

State Representative
115th District

Wayne Goforth, Republican ..... Tamaroa, Illinois

Elected County Offices

County Clerk & Recorder ..... Don Hirsch (R)
Circuit Clerk ..... Robert Heisner (D)
Treasurer & County Collector ..... Frank Mangin (D)
Sheriff ..... Sam Hiller (R)
State's Attorney ..... Gene Gross (D)
Supt. of Educational Services Region ..... Don Brewer (D)
Coroner ..... Frank Maxton (R)
County Board Chairman ..... Frank Millikin (D)
Member County Board ..... Gene Rodely (R)
Member County Board ..... Leonard Heisner (D)

Appointed County Officers

Superintendent of Highways ..... Ray A. Smith, Sr.
Supervisor of Assessment ..... Robin Edwards
County General Assistance Supervisor ..... Eric V. Ptlanz
Animal Health Officer ..... Gary Woolsey
Probation Officer ..... Vicki Suttle
County Rabies Inspector ..... Dr. J. A. Bates

Road District Commissioners

Road District #1 ..... Ronald C. Mann
Road District #4 ..... Edwin Schrader
Road District #4-2 ..... Joseph M. Michon
Road District #4-3 ..... Theodore Stern
Road District #5-2 ..... Randy Farthing
Road District #5-3 ..... Ben Shute
Road District #6-2 ..... Charles Harsy
Road District #6-3 ..... Orville Bigham

COUNTY BOARD

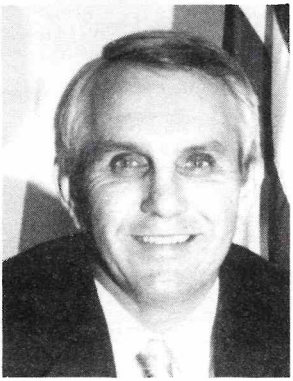
The Perry County Board of Commissioners meet approximately every two weeks, or 6 times quarterly. Their meetings are open to the public, and anyone may appear before the Board with a problem or a request. Each year the commissioners select a Chairman from their ranks, and the County Clerk is the official keeper of the minutes for the Board.

The three commissioners, along with the Supervisor of Assessments, act as the Board of Review to hear assessment complaints and problems.

In their meetings the commissioners deal with the highway department, mining companies, individual offices and departments, state agencies, and private citizens. They review and approve individual office and department budgets annually. They are the legislative branch of county government.

Their meetings are usually on Friday at 9:00 A.M.

COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER



DON HIRSCH (R)

In counties of under 60,000, the County Clerk is also Recorder of deeds, mortgages, affidavits, power of attorney, financing statements and other legal documents. These are received daily, recorded, and microfilmed for safekeeping.

The County Clerk is secretary to Board of Commissioners, collects tax redemption money after properties sell at the tax sale, issues marriage licenses, notifies notary publics of their commissions, records assumed business name filing, processes county bills, takes annual levies from taxing bodies and extends taxes, prepares annual budget for his office and general county, and issues certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records, of which he is custodian.

As Election Authority, the County Clerk is responsible for all phases of election administration, including training of judges, ordering supplies, voter registration, polling places, equipment, and vote counting on election night.

Staff includes Judy Rennison: Deputy County Clerk, Mary Gerrish: Election Coordinator, Lois Uhe: Deputy Recorder, Denise Bathon: Assistant Deputy Recorder.

COUNTY TREASURER

FRANK MANGIN (D)

The County Treasurer receives and safely keeps the revenue and public moneys of the County and pays out the same pursuant to the law. It is the duty of the County Treasurer to have custody of all county funds and to invest and receive interest for each fund.

Every County Treasurer must keep books of account mechanically, electronically or otherwise. In them, he must keep a just and true account of all moneys and funds received by him. The Treasurer makes monthly budget reports and financial reports to the County Board of Commissioners.

The County Treasurer is responsible for the County payroll and all payroll reports. The Treasurer is also the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund authorized agent.

The Treasurers of all counties are Ex-Officio Collectors for their respective counties. This includes collecting Mobile Home Privilege Taxes and real estate property taxes and distribution of the tax money to the many taxing districts in the County.

Perry County now has an in-house computer system which enables the Collector to print the real estate tax bills, record payments and print all Collector's books.

Staff includes, Frank L. Mangin, Treasurer, Deputies, Carol Millikin, Kay Bigham, Georgette Houghland, Clerks Dorris Edwards, Nikki Mangin.

CIRCUIT CLERK

ROBERT HEISNER (D)

The Circuit Clerk is commonly referred to as the keeper of the Court records. The Circuit Clerk's office is divided into two divisions: civil and criminal. The civil divisioin consists of L and LM law suits, small claims, family, divorce, probate, adoptions, miscellaneous remedies, tax and chancery files. The criminal division consists of felonies, misdemeanor, traffic and juvenile files. At the end of 1987, there were over 1700 open and active court files in the criminal and civil division.

Some of the daily office duties include issuing of summons, subpoenas and publication notices, and receiving and filing of court pleadings. Aside from the daily office duties, the Circuit Clerk must also tend the courtroom and among other things, be available to swear in witnesses, take charge of exhibits, and figure fine and costs when requested.

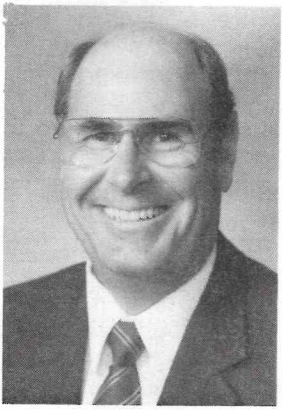
In 1987, the Circuit Clerk's office collected $515,667.00 in fines, fees and court costs. In addition to that, an additional $921,994.00 was collected in child support and maintenance.

Easy accessibility to the probate records allows for the ever poplar genealogy or family research.

The Perry County Circuit Clerk's office is one of five counties which make up the Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

Staff includes Rita Brewner, Kimberly Kellerman, Paula Casey, Carol Stout.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS
TWENTIETH CIRCUIT



ROBERT GANDY

The Perry County Circuit Court is a branch of State Government. Illinois is divided into 21 Judicial Circuits. Although Perry County Circuit Court is a State agency, the County is responsible for providing the Court with space in the County Courthouse, together with supporting personnel such as the Circuit Clerk, and is responsible for meeting the budgetary needs of the Court, except that the salary of the resident Circuit Judge and his Official Court Reporter are paid by the State.

The Perry County Circuit Court is a Court of general jurisdiction, meaning that it has the authority to hear and decide all controversies of a justiciable nature arising in the County. Currently, the bulk of work of the Court falls within two broad categories, cases involving the violation of Illinois Criminal Law and Illinois Motor Vehicle Code and problems arising out of dissolution of marriage. Other types of cases heard by the Court include: adoptions, mortgage foreclosures, administration of probate estates of decedents and incompetent persons, personal injuries, and other civil damage suits and injunctions and other cases in which litigants seek equitable relief.

The resident Circuit Judge, Robert Gandy, presides in the trial of cases—the maintenance of order and decorum in the courtroom, determines and applies the law in each case, and in cases without a jury the Judge determines the facts of the case. From time to time, citizens of the County are required to come to Court to be impaneled for jury service. The Judge instructs the jury in each case on the law that applies in the case, and the jury determines the facts of the case.

The Official Court Reporter, Mrs. Carol Folden, is present at all trials and hearings. She is responsible for preserving the testimony of witnesses. When requested by attorneys for their records or for appellate review, she prepares a transcript of the testimony.

(Text prepared by former Judge Robert Bastien, retired.)

STATE'S ATTORNEY

GENE GROSS (D)

The Perry County State's Attorney provides legal representation for Perry County. The State's Attorney is responsible for commencing and prosecuting on behalf of the State of Illinois all criminal actions in Perry County. The State's Attorney must also represent and advise County officers in legal matters. In addition the office is responsible for representing the County in civil matters ranging from civil rights cases to labor relations.

The State's Attorney is elected by the citizens of Perry County to serve a four year term. The State's Attorney must be a United States citizen and a licensed attorney-at-law of the State. The States Attorney appoints an Assistant, who must also be a licensed attorney-a-law. The office also employs two legal secretaries who are responsible for preparing the various legal documents for the office.

Staff includes Gene Gross, States Attorney, Assistant States Attorney, Patricia Sarter, Tammy Kellerman, Kathy Pritchard.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SAM HILLER

The Sheriff's Office has had a long tradition in the history of law enforcement. Presently the Sheriff has the dual role as a law enforcement officer and as an officer of the court. These roles create many responsibilities for the office. Some of these duties are to serve civil papers, execute criminal warrants, provide baliffs for the court, oversee the courthouse, provide communications for police, fire and emergency units, police and patrol the country, and oversee the jail and the inmates assigned to it.

Under Illinois law the Sheriff is the conservator of the peace and shall keep the same, suppress riots, routs, affrays, fighting, breaches of the peace, and prevent crime. He or she shall keep and maintain the office at the county seat. Each Sheriff shall attend upon all courts held in his or her county and obey the lawful orders and directions of the court. The office of Sheriff is an elected office and goes before the people every four years.

Staff includes Sheriff, Samuel D. Hiller, Chief Deputy Timothy Russell, Sergeant Investigator, Earl Overton, Deputies, William J. Eyer, Gale L. Reidelberger, Sandra Kalb, Robert Jones, John G. Hopkins, Luther W. Woods, Robert E. Coleman, Secretaries, Tamara R. Maynor, Nancy Blades, Telecommunicators, Judith A. Valentine, Jane A. Bird, Elizabeth A. Phillips, Sandra F. Coleman, Tina R. Calvert, and Carrie Emling.

Jail staff includes Correction Officers Robert D. Carns, Lisa J. Chapman-Zettler, Paul D. Opp, Jr., Lynn Wyciskalla, Anita Townley, Jerry G. Leonard, Janice Scarborough, Betty Harvel, Nilma Smith, Mark A. Sroka, Donald Szymusiak, Martin Beltz, Carlos Tolbert.

CORONER

DEATHS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Frank Maxton (R)

1. Sudden or violent death (whether apparently suicidal, homicidal, or accidental), including but not limited to deaths apparently caused by contributed to by thermal, traumatic, chemical, electrical, or radiational injury, or complication of any of them, by drowning or suffocation, anaesthetic deaths or therapeutic misadventures.
2. Maternal or fetal death due to criminal abortion, or any death due to a sex crime or crime against nature.
3. Death where the circumstances are suspicious, obscure or mysterious, or where (in written opinion of the attending physician) the cause of death is not determined.
4. Death where addiction to alcohol or to any drug may have been a contributory cause.
5. Death without medical attendance within 72 hours by a licensed physician.
6. Death without medical attendance involving a member of a church which relies upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing.

When in doubt, call the Coroner, let him make the determination as to whether or not it should be further investigated.

(Text prepared by former Coroner E. W. "Barney" West, retired.)

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DON BREWER (D)

The Jackson-Perry Counties Regional Superintendent of Schools has specific, mandated responsibilities which are designated in state statues. The forerunner of this office was established in 1829 when the General Assembly approved a School Act which provided for the appointment of a County Commissioner for Schools. The position was replaced by an elected County Superintendent of Schools in the mid-nineteenth century. Today, the Regional Superintendent is elected by the people of the Educational Service Region.

The primary responsibility of the Regional Superintendent of Schools is to exercise supervision and control over all the school districts in Jackson-Perry Counties, provide educational leadership and services to the lay and educational community, and to insure that schools are organized, conducted and operated in accordance with state statutes. This is a formidible responsibility as the region contains 16 school districts which serve the various needs of approximately 12,000 school children.

The Regional Superintendent also functions as the taxpayers' guarantee that they are getting the maximum return on their educational dollars. The ESR reviews each school district's financial reports before authorizing the disbursement of state and federal funds.

In these and other ways, the Jackson-Perry Counties Superintendent insures that your taxes provide the highest quality education possible for Jackson-Perry Counties' students.

Staff includes, Donald L. Brewer, Regional Superintendent, John Hawkins, Asst. Superintendent, Donna Kuhnert, Perry County Deputy, Patti Stark, Regional Executive Officer, Martha Fricke, Jackson County Deputy, Cathy Hines-Boulton, Officer & Truancey Clerk, Riva Meltzer, Social Worker, Carolyn Sorrows, Perry County Tutor, Jim Evilsizer, Vocational Education director, Mary Stevenson, Secretary.

SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS OFFICE

ROBIN EDWARDS

The Supervisor of Assessments is the government official responsible for establishing the value of property for tax purposes. She is responsible for discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property, taking care to ensure that the value is proper so that the owner pays only his fair share of the property tax.

The Supervisor of Assessments is responsible for the viewing of all property via on-site inspection. Pertinent data regarding the bulildings, improvements, and the land as well is recorded. The property is then assessed at ⅓ of market value, known as assessed value.

After notifing the property owner, the assessments are then published in the county newspaper. Property owners have 30 days to request an informal review by the County Board of Review. If they are not satisfied by the Board of Review, they may appeal their decision to the Property Tax Appeal Board within 30 days.

The Supervisor of Assessments is also responsible for various exemptions including Owner Occupied Exemptions, Homestead Exemptions, Disabled Veteran Exemption, and Non-Homestead Exemptions. Mobile Homes also have to be located and registered with the Assessor.

The Supervisor of Assessments also serves as the Clerk to the Board of Review. This duty includes notifying taxpapers of their hearing dates, taking minutes at all meetings, sending Board of Review notices, publishing assessment changes in the newspaper, and representing the Board of Review at Property Tax Appeal Board Hearings.

Staff includes Rosalie Thomas, Chief Bookkeeper, Alesia Rowland, Soil Technician, Pamella Swallers, Bookkeeper, Jeff Bolinski, Mapping Technician.

PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ROY A. SMITH, SR.

We are responsible for the maintenance of approximately 110 miles of county highways and 30 structures over 20 feet in length. Any new construction of roadways or structures is under the jurisdiction of this department. The planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering and maintenance of all highway projects are activities coordinated through the highway office.

The expenditure of motor fuel tax funds for eight Perry County Road Districts is planned and approved through the highway office, in cooperation with the Illinois Department ofTransportation.

The highway superintendent advises the eight road district commissioners, when requested to do so by the commissioners.

The highway office is staffed with the superintendent, foreman, secretary/bookkeeper, technician and six full-time highway maintenance workers. The highway office and maintenance bulildings are located one mile south of Pinckneyville on ILL. Rte. 13 and 127.

Staff includes Roy A. Smith, Sr., Superintendent of Highways, Luanne Williams, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Carl Peradotta, Foreman, Randy Uhe, Engineering Technician. Highway Maintenance Workers include Stanley Kurwicki, Mechanic, Michael Hawkins, Gilbert Helvey, Robert Brewner, David Bigham, Mark Benson.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

ERIC V. PFLANZ

General Assistance is designed to assist persons and/or families in meeting basic living expenses who are in need according to a written standard adopted and applied consistently by the local governmental unit.

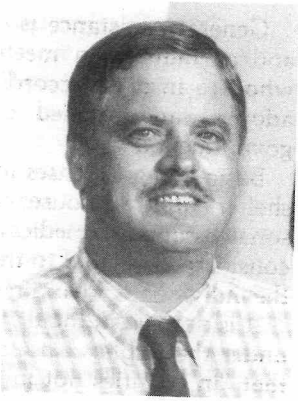
Basic living expenses include such items as food, shelter, utilities, household supplies, clothing, personal essentials, medical and any other expenses considered essential to the health and well-being of the individual and/or family.

It is decreed in the Ill. Revised Stat., Chapter 23, under the public Aid Code, Article XII, Section 3 that "in counties not under township organization (commission counties) the county shall provide funds for and administer such program". Perry County levies a tax equal to .10% of the last known total equalized value of all taxable property in the county to qualify for state funds to supplement local general Assistance funds. The amount and nature of the care provided shall be determined in accordance with a uniform standard of eligibility established by the Illinois Department of Public Aid and its rules and regulations known as the General Assistance Manual. General Assistance benefits are paid once a month.

Staff includes, Eric Pflanz, Supervisor, Caseworkers, Beth Kellerman, Ron Kringer and Gary Williams, Halene Millikin, Bookkeeper, Marilyn Bigham, Clerk-Typist.

PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Perry County Health Department was created by the Perry County Commissioners in 1977. It started with nursing services and now provides full Medicare Certified Home Health Services for home-bound residents. W.I.C. clinics for nutrition, immunizations and wellness checks for children, school health, prenatal nursing, jail nursing, and vivision/hearing screenings are now provided.



JAMES H. MORRIS

In 1981, Environmental Health programs in food sanitation, water wells, nuisance, solid waste and private sewage disposal were added by the request of the Board of Health.

Perry County Health Department maintains the vital birth and death records, follows up on communicable diseases, administers and records immunications and gives international travel information to the county residences.

The activities are overseen by the County Commission approved Board of Health whose members are: Charles Roe, D.D.S., Chairman; Mrs. Diann Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer; Craig Furry, M.D., Vice President; Mr. Gene Rodely, County Commissioner; Mr. James Neal; Bonnie Tolbert, R.N.; J. Gregg Fozard, M.D.; Mrs. Linda Cowley.

The activities are carried out by the Health Department staff comprised of: James H. Morris, Administrator; Bonita Griffin, R.N., B.S.N., Director of Nursing; Brenda Epplin, R.N., W.I.C. Coordinator; Nancy Crites, R.N., Home Health Nursing; Catherine M. Schubert, R.V., B.S.N., Maternal/Child Health, Rita Rabe, Administrative Assistant; Yvonne James, W.I.C. Secretary; Frieda Longshore, C.N.A., Home Health Aide; Ed Stephenson, Enviromental Health Inspector; Janice Epplin, Michelle Hirsch, Home Health Nurses; Catherine Schubert (LPN).

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

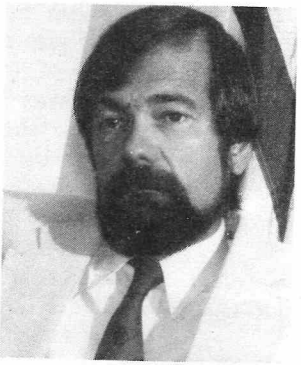
VICKIE SUTTLE

The Court Services and Probation Department is responsible for the supervision of those adult and juvenile offenders placed upon a period of conditional release by the court. It is the function of the Probation Officer to ensure that these individuals meet their court ordered conditions. An assessment is made of the individual's needs which include mental health, financial, physical and educational. It is then the duty of the Probation Officer to coordinate community services and refer the individual to the best resources.

The Probation Officer is responsible for the preparation of pre-sentence investigations for the court. These reports on a defendant's background assist preparation of pre-sentence investigations for the court. These reports on a defendant's background assist the court in determining an appropriate sentence that is in the best interest of the defendant and the community.

The Pinckneyville office of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit services the courts of Perry and Washington Counties. The office is located at 12 East Water in Pinckneyville at the Perry County Jail facility. Employees are Vickie Suttle, Probation Officer and Vicki Kowzan, Clerk-Steno. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The number is 357-2622.

PUBLIC DEFENDER



THOMAS MANSFIELD

The Perry County Public Defender's Office represents indigent individuals in criminal cases. The Public Defender must be court-appointed by the Judge, which is only done in criminal cases. In order for a person to get the Public Defender appointed by the Judge, he should request an attorney at the time he appears in court, and after filling out an affidavit of assets and liabilities, the Judge will either appoint the Public Defender or will advise the defendant to hire an attorney. Once the Public Defender is appointed in a case, the case proceeds just as though the defendant were represented by private, retained counsel. The Perry County Public Defender is a one-half time position, and Mr. Mansfield is engaged in private practice of criminal defense when not performing his Public Defender functions. Kay West is the office secretary.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER AGENCY

JAMES CAVANAUGH

Civil Defense has been in existence for many years, although it was after World War Two that Congress passed the Civil Defense Act of 1950. The intent of this act was to provide a civil defense system to minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused by an attack on the United States.

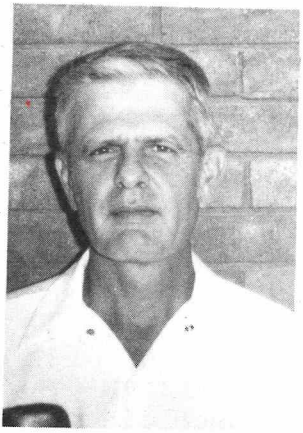
As the threat of war diminished and the potential for the occurence of natural and technological disasters increased, the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) came into existence on October 1, 1975, and is designed to minimize the effects upon the lives and property of the citizens of Illinois in the event of a major emergency or disaster.

Perry County ESDA came into existence February 17, 1976 and is mandated by the Illinois Revised Statutes, the ESDA Ordinance and the county board to develop a disaster response program for the county. To achieve this goal, ESDA's primary responsibilities are to develop an emergency preparedness plan, serve as a staff member to the county board, and act as the liaison with other local, state and federal agencies.

ESDA's other responsibilities are coordinating the activities of workers engaged in preparing for or combating disaster situations and regotiating with civic and professional leaders to develop and implement survival plans in accordance with local needs and State and Federal policies.

Staff includes, James Cavanaugh, County Coordinator, Ted Harsha, Assist. Coordinator, Lou Ozburn, Communication Officer, Art Nehring, Shelter Officer.

ANIMAL CONTROL



DR. JAMES BATES

GARRY WOOLSEY

The Animal Control program and guidelines for its function was mandated by State Statute. The program in Perry County was adopted by the County Board to be in compliance with this statute.

The purpose of the animal control act is to control and prevent the spread of rabies in Perry County, through education, vaccination, stray control, impoundment, quarantine, and any other means necessary. The animal control officers, for the purpose of enforcing the program, are clothed with the power of police officers in the county. The officers consist of an administrator, who must be a veternarian, and an animal control warden. Deputy wardens may be appointed if necessary to enforce the program.

The department also investigates bite cases and places animals involved under quarantine. With the cooperation of the Humane Society, there is also a program of pet adoption. There is a tag fee of $2.00 for each vaccination given in Perry County. This goes into a fund to pay for livestock killed by dogs. The monies for operation of the program are appropriated by the county board and come from the tax revenues within the county.

Staff includes Dr. James Bates, Administrator, Garry Woolsey, Animal Control Warden.

COUNTY CLERKS OF PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The following is a list of County Clerks of Perry County, Illinois dating from the first County Clerk elected to the present.

All the County Clerks terms were for 4 years and have continued as such.

Don Hirsch	1984 -
Winton L. Bigham	1970 - 1984
Frank W. Keith	1942 - 1970
Mervin Eaton	1930 - 1942
H. H. Baughman	1918 - 1930
W. A. Bommersheim	1914 - 1918
H. R. Sims	1910 - 1914
J. G. Taffee	1894 - 1910
R. G. Williams	1890 - 1894
W.S.D. Smith	1874 - 1890
Carrol Harriss	1870 - 1874
L.T. Ross	1866 - 1870
David M. Hoge	1862 - 1866
John W. Pyatt	1854 - 1862
N.L. Kelley	1850 - 1854
C.L. Starbuck	1848 - 1850
John O. Burklow	1840 - 1848
H.B. Jones	1827 - 1840

CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, PERRY COUNTY

Robert E. Heisner	1986 -
Robert Phipps	1964 - 1985
Lloyd Edwards	1960 - 1964
Dyer Campbell	1944 - 1960
Alva Engert	- 1944
Gene Kellerman	1940 - 1944
Hugo Dudenbostel	1939 - 1940
Victor Shade	1932 - 1939
Henry Schaub	1924 - 1932
John DeWitt Roe	1911 - 1924
Charles H. Ross	1908 - 1911
James M. Pyatt	1904 - 1908
Albert Driemeyer	1892 - 1904
Charles Roe	1867 - 1892
James M. Brown	1864 - 1867
Evan Rushing	1856 - 1864
James Montag	1852 - 1856
Lewis Hammack	1848 - 1852
Charles Starbuch	1847 - 1848
Andrew Dickinson	1843 - 1847
Marmaduke S. Ferguson	1843
Humphrey Jones	1827 - 1843

SHERIFFS OF PERRY COUNTY

Samuel D. Hiller	1986 -
Jerry Woolsey	1978 - 1986
Eddie Rainwater	1970 - 1978
Norman Brostmeyer	1966 - 1970
John Barber	1962 - 1966
Tom O'Keefe	1958 - 1962
Joe Shirk	1954 - 1958
Craig Templeton	1950 - 1954
Tom O'Keefe	1946 - 1950
Emil (Buck) Boquillon	1942 - 1946
Howard W. Lee	1938 - 1942
Robert J. Ozburn	1934 - 1938
Albert C. Davis	1930 - 1934
Thomas H. Thimming	1926 - 1930
Albert C. Davis	1922 - 1926
Thomas H. Thimming	1918 - 1922
J. Quinn Charlton	1914 - 1918
Samuel T. Duncan	1910 - 1914
Dempsey Winthrop	1906 - 1910
Henry R. Winthrop	1902 - 1906
John J. King	1896 - 1902
John S. Winthrop	1894 - 1896
George W. Clark	1890 - 1894
Thomas Penwarden	1886 - 1890
Ralph G. Williams	1882 - 1886
Thomas Penwarden	1880 - 1882
Edwin M. Harriss	1876 - 1880
Leonard T. Ross	1872 - 1876
Samuel A. Baird	1870 - 1872

Daniel W. Dry..... 1868 - 1870
J. Carroll Harriss.... 1866 - 1868
William C. Leslie.... 1864 - 1866
James F. Mason..... 1862 - 1864
Albert A. Clymer.... 1860 - 1862
James J. Hoge..... 1858 - 1860
David M. Hoge..... 1856 - 1858
John D. Reese..... 1854 - 1856
David M. Hoge..... 1852 - 1854
John W. Pyatt..... 1850 - 1852
David M. Hoge..... 1846 - 1850
Laban C. Jones..... 1844 - 1846
Abner K. Pyle..... 1843 - 1844
John Steele..... 1840 - 1843
Matthew Jones..... 1836 - 1840
William C. Murphy.. 1827 - 1836

PERRY COUNTY TREASURERS

Until 1971 The County Treasurer Was Also The County Assessor

Frank L. Mangin..... 1981 -
Wm. C. Heisner..... 1970 - 1981
(First to succeed himself)
John Barber..... 1966 - 1970
Ruben Eisen..... 1962 - 1966
Joe Shirk..... 1958 - 1962
Theodore Croessman. 1954 - 1958
E. J. McElvain..... 1950 - 1954
Theodore Croessman. 1946 - 1950
T. Lewis Wood..... 1942 - 1946
James W. Cunningham 1938 - 1942
George A. Miller.... 1936 - 1938
Linnie A. Blackburn.. 1935 - 1936
W.A. Blackburn..... 1934 - 1935
W.T. Morriss..... 1930 - 1934
Albert C. Davis..... 1926 - 1930
John H. Stumpe..... 1922 - 1926
Samuel N. Hunter... 1918 - 1922
Samuel T. Duncan... 1914 - 1918
William Brey..... 1910 - 1914
Edward Flynn..... 1906 - 1910
George Robb..... 1902 - 1906
James Archibald..... 1898 - 1902
Jonah Flavell..... 1894 - 1898
J.W. Haines..... 1890 - 1894
John Brown..... 1886 - 1890
John Hafley..... 1882 - 1886
Josiah W. Haines.... 1879 - 1882
John Patterson..... 1873 - 1879
James C. Kimzey.... 1865 - 1871
L.T. Ross (Leonard).. 1863 - 1865
Johnson C. Harriss... 1861 - 1863
Samuel King..... 1855 - 1861
John McClure..... 1852 - 1855
John Moore..... 1850 - 1852
James M. Montagne.. 1848 - 1850
Samuel Eaton..... 1847 - 1848
Benjamin Hammack.. 1846 - 1847
David M. Hoge..... 1845 - 1846
Luther Beal..... 1843 - 1845
John D. Burklow.... 1841 - 1843
Lewis Staten..... 1840 - 1841
George O. Hotchkiss. 1839 - 1840
(First elected by the people)
Joshua M. Rice..... 1836 - 1839
Davis H. Mead..... 1833 - 1836
Samuel Pyatt..... 1832 - 1833
John R. Hutchings... 1830 - 1832
Richard G. Murphy.. 1829 - 1830
Daniel Dry..... 1827 - 1829

STATES ATTORNEYS

Gene Gross..... 1985 -
Gerald Sims..... 1980 - 1985
Lloyd Middleton..... 1976 - 1980
Michael K. Grabowski 1972 - 1976
Don Johnson..... 1968 - 1972
Robert Gandy..... 1964 - 1968
Kenneth Peek..... 1960 - 1964
Lloyd Middleton..... 1952 - 1960
Mark Miller..... 1948 - 1952
Harold Farmer..... 1940 - 1948
L.W. Wiley..... 1936 - 1940
Michael K. Grabowski 1935 - 1936
Howard Kimmell.... 1932 - 1935
Max Hanson..... 1928 - 1932
Names not available before 1928

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1987 - 1988
Leonard Heisner
Gene Rodely
Frank Millikin

1985 - 1986
Leonard Heisner
Gerald Hawkins
Gene Rodely

1983 - 1984
Gerald Hawkins
Leonard Heisner
Gene Rodely

1981 - 1982
Vic Provart
Tom Moss
Gene Rodely

1979 - 1980
Vic Provart
John Barber
Tom Moss

1976 - 1978
John Barber
Ron Shirk
Vic Provart

1974 - 1975
Vallie West
John Barber
Vic Provart

1972 - 1973
John Rednour
Vallie West
Vic Provart

1970 - 1971
John Rednour
Vallie West
Steve Reel

1968 - 1969
Steve Reel
John Rednour
Lawrence Brock

1967
Steve Reel
Lloyd Lodge
Lawrence Brock

1966
Glenn Martin
Lloyd Lodge
Steve Reel

1965
Glenn Martin
Lloyd Lodge
Dale Schwinn

1964
Eddie Rainwater
Dale Schwinn
Glenn Martin

1963
Henry Eisenhauer
Dale Schwinn
Eddie Rainwater

1961 - 1962
Eddie Rainwater
Albert Benson, Jr.
Henry Eisenhauer

1960
Edgar Ohlau
Albert Benson, Jr.
Henry Eisenhauer

1959
John Emling
Henry Eisenhauer
Edgar Ohlau

1958
Thomas Torrens
John Emling
Henry Eisenhauer

1957
Thomas Torrens
Leo Hindman
John Emling

1954 - 1956
Leo Hindman
Thomas Torrens
Dave Looney

1953
Harry Brown
Leo Hindman
Thomas Torrens

1952
Leo Hindman
Robert Shook, Sr.
Harry Brown

1950 - 1951
Edward Morgenstern
Harry Brown
Robert Shook, Sr.

1949
Albert Teabeau
Harry Brown
Edward Morgenstern

1948
Theodore Hubler
Harry Brown
Albert Teabeau

1947
Theodore Hubler
Albert Teabeau
Walter Krone

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Cont.)

1946
Walter Krone
Theodore Hubler
John Winthrop

1945
L. O. Robb
John Winthrop
Walter Krone

1944
W. H. Pierce
L. O. Robb
John Winthrop

1943
C. E. Wellington
L. O. Robb
John Winthrop

1942
C. O. Wellington
W. H. Pierce
J. M. Pillers

1941
Allen Rountree
Walter Bartle
C. O. Wellington

1938 - 1940
Edgar Provart
Allen Rountree
Walter Bartle

1936 - 1937
W. J. Miller
Allen Rountree
Walter Bartle

1935
Edgar Provart
Walter Bartle
Wm. Miller

1934
A. A. Hampleman
Edgar Provart
Walter Bartle

1933
Fred Pundsack
A. A. Hampleman
Edgar Provart

1931 - 1932
Fred Reiss
Fred Pundsack
A. A. Hampleman

1930
A. A. Hampleman
Fred Reiss
F. M. Norton

1929
David Thompson
A. A. Hampleman
Fred Reiss

1927 - 1928
A. A. Hampleman
John Golden
David Thompson

1926
James Archibald
David Thompson
Arthur Hampleman

1923 - 1925
Matt Robb
James Archibald
David Thompson

1921 - 1922
P. H. Walter
John McLaughlin
James Archibald

1919 - 1920
John Nealy
P. H. Walter
John McLaughlin

1918
Jabez Brown
Thomas Thimming
John Nealy

1917
Randolph Bishop
Jabez Brown
Thomas Thimming

1914 - 1916
Uriah Wendell
Randolph Bishop
Jabez Brown

1913
Charles Seibert
Louis Croessman
Jabez Brown

1912
Mike Birkner
Charles Seibert
Louis Croessman

1907 - 1911
Louis Croessman
Charles Seibert
Mike Birkner

1904 - 1906
Porter Baird
Louis Croessman
H. W. Adams

1903
H. P. Provart
H. W. Adams
Louis Croessman

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Cont.)

1902
H. H. Kimmel
H. P. Provart
H. W. Adams

1901
James Fulton
H.H. Kimmel
H. P. Provart

1900
George Robb
James Fulton
H. A. Kimmel

1899
J. N. Gore
Zeb Hampleman
J. T. Marlow

1898
Porter Baird
George Robb
James Fulton

1897
George Robb
Charles Seibert
Porter Baird

1895 - 1896
James Pyatt
George Robb
Charles Seibert

1894
William Smith
Charles Seibert
James Pyatt

1893
E. G. Brune
William Smith
Charles Seibert

1892
N. W. Maclin
E. F. Brune
William Smith

1891
J. H. Ward
N. W. Maclin
E. F. Brune

1890
Lewis Treffs
J. H. Ward
N. W. Maclin

1889
William Walker
Lewis Treffs
J. H. Ward

1888
Alvah Blauchard
William Walker
Lewis Treffs

1887
William Davis
Alvah Blauchard
W. J. Walter

1884 - 1886
Silas Ross
William Davis
Alvah Blauchard

1883
Thomas Stevenson
John Pyatt
Alvah Blauchard

1879 - 1882
Thomas Stevenson
Lysias Heape
John W. Pyatt

1876 - 1878
Lysias Heape
John W. Pyatt
John Baird

1875
John Schneider
John W. Pyatt
John Baird

1874
John Pyatt
John Baird
Elihu Onstott

1872 - 1873
John Baird
Elihu Onstott
Charles Guemalley

1870 - 1871
Charles Winthrop
J. L. Primm
James Ervin

1866 - 1869
William Elston
J. L. Primm
E. J. Rees

1862 - 1865
Henry Hampleman
William Craig
E. J. Rees

1857 - 1861
William Elston
Ephriam Rees
James Primm

1854 - 1856
Henry Hampleman
William Craig
Samuel McCluer

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Cont.)

1853
Laban Jones
Jonathon Clark
John Pyle

1851 - 1852
Hosea Straight
Richard Williams
Peter Wilkes

1850
Hosea Straight
Richard Williams
Edward Whipple

1848 - 1849
Isaac Bradley
Joel Rushing
Reuben Dye

1847
Henry Hampleman
Isaac Bradley
Joel Rushing

1844 - 1846
Enoch Eaton
Henry Hampleman
Isaac Bradley

1843
Enoch Eaton
Abner Pyle
Isaac Bradley

1841 - 1842
Jonathon Clark
Enoch Eaton
Abner Pyle

1840
Richard Davis
Enoch Eaton
Jonathon Clarke

1839
G. W. Hutchings
Enoch Eaton
R. G. Davis

1836 - 1838
John Reid
Jacob Short
N. G. Curlee

1835
Samuel Pyatt
Daniel Dry
William Edwards

1832 - 1834
Daniel Dry
Samuel Pyatt
Benjamin Hammack

1831
Abner Keith
Elijah Wells
Joseph Wells

1830
William Johnson
Joseph Wells
Abner Keith

1828 - 1829
William H. Threlkel
William Johnson
John Pyle, Jr.

1827i
John R. Hutchings
Elijah Wells
David H. Mead

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF PERRY COUNTY

Perry County was created by an act of the legislature of the State of Illinois at its fifth session held in the State Capitol building in Vandalia, beginning December 4, 1826 and ending February 19, 1827. The act was approved January 29, 1827 by Ninian Edwards, Governor.

The first appointed office holder in the county was Humphrey B. Jones. Mr. Jones was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court on February 19, 1927 by T. W. Smith, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones' first responsibility was to call and hold an election in the County of Perry. Election was to elect three County Commissioners, a Sheriff, and a Coroner.

Elected County Commissioners were John R. Hutchings, David H. Mead, and Elijah Wells; Joseph Wells, Sheriff; and Amos Anderson, Coroner. All elected officials were sworn in June 4, 1827. Their first act was to appoint Humphrey B. Jones, County Clerk and Daniel Dry, County Treasurer. Governor Ninian Edwards then appointed Humphrey B. Jones as Recorder in Perry County. This completed the organization of the new county.

The County Commissioners appointed a three (3) man committee to select a site for a County Courthouse. The committee recommended that the best site would be the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 in Township 5, Range 3 containing 80 acres. The Board accepted the recommendation. The site of 80 acres was purchased for $100.00 and 20 acres was to be surveyed in tracts and lots, streets and alleys with a public square. The original plat of Pinckneyville was executed July 21, 1829 and recorded in the Office of Recorder in Deed Record A on page 39 where by under this act of the Legislature creating the County, it was provided the county seat should be named Pinckneyville.

A public sale of lots was ordered and in early 1828, 24 lots were sold for $1,223.28 for an average of $50.95 each.

Records show other towns and villages were incorporated as follows:

Pinckneyville	7/21/1829
Du Quoin	9/20/1853
Tamaroa	5/14/1855
St. Johns	9/29/1856
Sunfield (Unincorp.)	6/28/1866
Swanwick (Unincorp.)	5/27/1871
Cutler	2/25/1873
Willisville	9—08/1893

The first Courthouse was built on the southeast corner of Lot 32 in the Original Survey of Pinckneyville. This is where Law Office of Hohlt, House, DeMoss and Johnson is located. This building was completed September, 1828. Adjoining the Courthouse was an enclosure for penning up stray horses, cows, hogs and anything caught running loose.

The second Courthouse was completed in the fall of 1837. It was a two store building built where the present Courthouse stands, taking two years for construction and a cost of $1,765.00. Several protests were heard due to the excessive cost to the taxpayer.

The third Courthouse was completed December 3, 1850 at a cost of $7.500.00. The Courthouse was again remodeled and added to at a cost of $9,742.00. This was completed on April 10, 1887.

The present Courthouse was added to and remodeled again in 1938. This time the cost was $52,754.00.

Adding all these figures together, the Courthouse in Perry County has only cost the local people $71,761.00

PERRY COUNTY JAIL

In September of 1987 the Sheriff's Department and Probation Offices moved into the new state-of-the-art Perry County Jail constructed under the authority and leadership of the Perry County Building Commission. Commission members were C. R. "Dick" Howell, Bill Eisenhauer, Russell Birkner, Jean Ibendahl, and Robert Crawford. Despite the $5,698,000.00 price tag over a 20 year period, the new jail will cost the taxpayers considerably less if County Commissioners continue to make tax abatements due to revenues from the one-quarter cent county sales tax enacted in July, 1986. In the first two years, County commissioners have voted to abate $428,000 from jail payments.

The new jail is a modern facility, with a capacity of 54 inmates. It boasts an outdoor/indoor recreation area, with housing for male, female and juvenile inmates. The ability to separate inmates into classification has enabled the Sheriff's staff to produce a more stable atmosphere in the jail. A detoxification cell, an isolation cell, and a special maximum security section along with other features give the facility a versatility that enables the Sheriff's Department to meet the standards established by the State of Illinois.

The old Perry County Jail building has been maintained and now houses the General Assistance Offices. No accurate date has been found that can verify the real age of the jail. However, it is believed to be one of the oldest in the State being around 125 years old. Continued pressure by Illinois Department of Corrections finally forced the County into construction of the new jail.

PERRY COUNTY FAIR

In 1988 the Perry County Fair marked its 132nd year, making it the oldest continuous fair in the State of Illinois. It is held in July and features Miss and Little Miss Perry County Beauty Pageant, 4-H judging and action, thoroughbred Horse Racing, western horse show, farm and home crafts and exhibits, demolition derby, horseshoe pitching, and horse and tractor pulls, capped by a gigantic fireworks display the last night. For plenty of home grown, down-home fun don't miss the Perry County Fair.

The fair was organized in 1856 and held around the Courthouse. In 1862 some ground was leased to the association which they later bought. This fair has been held at this location ever since. Now known as the Perry County Agricultural Society, present members are Tom Garner, Frank Bigham, Don Braun, Kevin Kuhnert, Bill Millikin, Kenny Heape, Carol Millikin.

"MARDI-GRAS"

The last Saturday of October, Pinckneyville celebrates Halloween with a gala celebration complete with a street fair, antique car shows and a large parade including bands, floats, gala costumes and pretty girls. Large crowds attend each year as people come from all over Southern Illinois to take part. This past year marked the 64th anniversary of the event. Each year, the event is closed with the crowning of the new queen. The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the celebration.

THRESHERMAN'S

Step back in time the third week of August, when the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds come alive with steam engines, old tractors, threshers, saws, veneering machines, antiques, novelty stands, and what-have-you, including a large exhibit of antique cars. For an enjoyable time and a taste of yesteryear, you must attend.

DU QUOIN STATE FAIRGROUNDS

After being operated for years by the founding Hayes family, and briefly by the Jabr family, the fairgrounds were purchased by the State of Illinois in 1986, making it at last the Du Quoin "State" Fairgrounds.

State officials have worked hard to give the fair a new image and also make the grounds more accessible to the public, as they were years ago. A wide range of events is now scheduled annually to further utilize the scenic 1400 acre fairground complex throughout the spring, summer and autumn seasons.

The Shriners' circus in May, the Street Machine Nationals in June, AMA motorcycle races in July, and the Du Quoin State Fair in August-September, annually bring several hundred thousand visitors into the county.

Ending on Labor Day, The Fair features Grand Circuit Harness Racing, World Trotting Derby, stock and sprint car racing, giant midway, hundreds of exhibits and livestock shows, and top flight evening entertainment. Recent headliners at the fair include Alabama, Willie Nelson, Statler Brothers, the Beach Boys, and many more.

In addition, regular flea markets, Vietnam veterans gathering, national camping conventions, national water-ski competitions and cardboard boat regattas have been held at the fairgrounds.

OTHER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

In some of the smaller communities of Perry County, a series of outdoor gatherings in late summer offers a chance to meet some old friends and sample some good home cooking. The 1st Thursday in August is the Swanwick Picnic. This event annually attracts several hundred people. Cutler has an annual chicken fry, and Willisville has a city sponsored picnic. Games, contests, and toe-tapping country music are features of all these events.

In December Tamaroa is aglow with thousands of colored lights in a section of town known as "Christmas Lane." Visitors come from far and near to view the displays and decorations on the lawns of many Christmas-minded Tamaroa citizens.

In St. Johns dances and special "Bingo Nights" attract large crowds to the VFW Hall 2-3 nights a week.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

REPUBLICAN;		DEMOCRAT:	
Beaucoup	Alfred G. Bathon	Beaucoup	Raymond Przygoda
Cutler	Richard A. Gaetz	Cutler	Delbert Martin
Du Quoin 1	Mark H. Norris	Du Quoin 1	Frank Mangin
Du Quoin 2	William Atwood	Du Quoin 2	Kathy J. West
Du Quoin 3	Marvin Juhl	Du Quoin 3	Loren McNeil
Du Quoin 4	Larry Laur	Du Quoin 4	Audrey Merseal
Du Quoin 5		Du Quoin 5	
Du Quoin 6		Du Quoin 6	Ray Landis
Du Quoin 7	Russell McMurray	Du Quoin 7	Bill McCollum
Du Quoin 8	Irene Bell	Du Quoin 8	Brooks Trogolo
Du Quoin 9	George T. Purcell	Du Quoin 9	Tommy B. Metten
Du Quoin 10	Margaret M. Pursell Treasurer	Du Quoin 10	James M. Woolsey
Du Quoin 11	Gene T. Morris	Du Quoin 11	Robert Brewner, Chairman
Pinckneyville 1	Carlos G. Tolbert	Pinckneyville 1	Oren Loos, Treas.
Pinckneyville 2	Glen Hull, Chair.	Pinckneyville 2	Shirley Loyd
Pinckneyville 3	Edgar A. Pursell	Pinckneyville 3	Victor Provart
Pinckneyville 4		Pinckneyville 4	Marilyn J. Martin
Pinckneyville 5	Paul Sloan	Pinckneyville 5	Carol Millikin, Sec.
Pinckneyville 6	Helen Schafer	Pinckneyville 6	Bert Kellerman
Pinckneyville 7	Nancy Blades, Sec.	Pinckneyville 7	Donald Haggard
Pinckneyville 8		Pinckneyville 8	Allen G. Keene
Sunfield	Don Hirsch	Sunfield	Gary D. Pippin
Swanwick	Sally Rodely	Swanwick	Dorris Edwards
Tamaroa 1	Randall R. Zettler	Tamaroa 1	Martin Skorch
Tamaroa 2	Antone Zelasko	Tamaroa 2	
Willisville	Danny Jaimet, Sr.	Willisville	Maria L. Dolce